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SUBJ: TRAVEL BY DR. ALVAREZ ON WGSTT MATTERS

REF: STATE 2058 AND MVD 3574

1. UPON RECEIPT REFERENCED STATE TELEGRAM, WE CONTACTED DR. JORGE ALVAREZ WHO INFORMED US THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF NOR INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING A FORTHCOMING TRIP TO WASHINGTON ON WEEKEND OF JAN 11-12. ALVAREZ SAID HE WOULD CONSULT IMMEDIATELY WITH FONMINISTER BLANCO CONCERNING THE PROSPECTIVE VISIT.

2. FOR PURPOSE OF FOLLOWING UP ON MATTER AND TO UNDERSCORE OUR INTEREST IN CONSULTATIONS WITH URUGUAY ON WGSTT MATTERS, I CALLED FONMINISTER BLANCO AFTERNOON OF JAN 8 TO ASK HIM IF HE COULD TELL ME ANYTHING ABOUT DR. ALVAREZ' REPORTED TRIP TO WASHINGTON. BLANCO SAID THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH ALVAREZ LATE THIS MORNING AND IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THEREAFTER HAD INSTRUCTED THE SUB-SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY TO MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR ALVAREZ' TRIP ON THE DATES INDICATED. I SAID I WAS FULLY AWARE FROM HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH THE AMBASSADOR OF THE IMPORTANCE THAT URUGUAY ATTACHED TO NOT ONLY THE GENERAL SUBJECT BUT ALSO TO A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE FORTHCOMING MEETING IN MONEVIDEO. THE FONMINISTER SAID HE WANTED TO PREAT URUGUAY'S INTEREST IN CONSULTING WITH US, THAT HE HAD COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN ALVAREZ, WHO HAD DIRECT ACCESS TO HIM, AND THAT HE ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO DAIALOGUE ON THIS AND OTHER MATTERS IN ORDER TO MOVE FORWARD. FROM MY CON-

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VERSION WITH THE FONMINISTER IT IS QUITE CLEAR THAT PLANS FOR

ALVAREZ' TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON WILL MOVE FORWARD WITH URUGUAY MAKING PREPARATIONS AND PAYING ALL OF HIS EXPENSES. THE FUNDING QUESTION DOES NOT, THEREFORE, ARISE.

3. I ASKED TO BE KEPT INFORMED ON THE STATUS OF ALVAREZ' TRIP AND THE FONMINISTER PROMISED HE WOULD PASS THIS INFORMATION TO ME VIA THE SUB-SECRETARY.

4. GDS.
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